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## ONLINE AT LRB LIBRARY

### *Connecting to CARD: Online Catalog for the Information You Need*

Since 1983 the CARD database has served as a key connection to information for legislative research. CARD is the online catalog for LRB Library and a network of government research libraries downtown. The CARD library collections are diverse and comprehensive. The LRB Library includes a unique collection of policy reports and studies from state legislatures and executive agencies across the county. The Supreme Court Law Library provides statutes and reporters from all the states and the federal government. The Municipal Reference and Records Center specializes in

county and municipal publications from jurisdictions across the country, and the DBEDT Business Resource Center stresses business information, economic policy and development issues, and statistics.

Each library features something unique. Newspaper articles, pamphlet files, an archive of bills, campaign brochures, and county ordinances are some examples. The CARD libraries cooperate to provide assistance to researchers in government, the legal community, and to the general public.

## THE CARD DATABASE CLASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
JANUARY 6th - 10th, 3:00pm  
Room 413

**ONE HOUR OF HANDS-ON INSTRUCTION**  
INSTRUCTOR: KATE JONSSON, RESEARCH LIBRARIAN

CALL DIANA at 587-0690 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the Nineteenth State Legislature. The Library uses this issue of *First Reading* to inform new members and staff of two valuable information resources. The first is CARD, the online catalog for LRB Library and other government research libraries. The CARD database is part of the Bureau's Ho'ike computer system, which is a menu option on the Shadow main menu. Once into Ho'ike, searching CARD is impractical, however, without some previous experience. So we encourage you to sign up for the CARD classes announced on page 1. You are also welcome to come in to the Library for a CARD demonstration anytime.

The other important resource is the LRB Web site, maintained by the Library. The article on this page describes how it can assist your research and information needs.

New staff are also encouraged to come in for a tour of the Library. Partisan offices may wish to arrange a tour by calling 587-0690. More comprehensive orientations can be arranged as well.

Enclosed in this issue is an online database Request for Service form. The Library subscribes to numerous online services providing timely access to statutes and legislation from the states and Congress. More information about these services can be found on our Web site, under **Library Services**. If you prefer, come in to learn more about the services available and the information they provide.



*Happy Holidays!*

## THE WEB WATCH

### *The LRB World Wide Web Site Bringing Internet Resources to You*

As the Legislature continues to make progress in providing Internet access to its members, the Library continues to support that effort by maintaining the LRB's research oriented Web site. The LRB site strives to assist the legislative researcher by grouping relevant sites into categories for more efficient searching.

From our home page, select **Reference Desk**. There you will find a grouping of sites under headings like **State Legislatures, State Governments, Federal Court Decisions, Federal Resources, Law Schools & Journals, Issues and Resources**, and others. From **State Legislatures**, for example, you can view an annotated list of links to legislative pages of other states. The annotations indicate what information is available at each site, like statutes, bills, the constitution, or member directories.

#### *Our Address*

<http://www.hawaii.gov/lrb/lib.html>

Another feature of the Bureau's Web site is the publication of LRB reports. Recent, important and out of print reports are going up. From our home page, go to **LRB Reports**. There the reports are represented by category: *Reports and Studies, Administrative Rules and Tables,*

*Bills Passed*, and the *Directory of State, County and Federal Officials*. An annual publication in print, the *Directory* is updated year round on our site. The *Directory* provides links to other government offices with Web pages. New editions of the *Hawaii Legislators' Handbook* and the *Guide to Government in Hawaii* will be up soon.

#### *The WEBster*

The Library also prepares an electronic newsletter published on our site and distributed in hard copy to all legislators.

*The WEBster* is designed to keep users informed of new Web resources and technologies of value to legislative research.



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